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Section 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.

Section 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.

Section 4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

Section 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Section 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.

Section 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.

Vessel's Name.

Flag and Reg.

Tons.

Date of Arrival.

Consignees or Agents.

Destination.

Remarks.

Steamers.

Any.

Any.

Any.

Any.

Any.

Any.

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